

THE VOICE OF THE ORIENT
 second opportunity might never
 occur/" &c.
 This model mother is an infamous go-
 between,
 no more and no less than the old
 hag who
 whispers corrupt counsel into the ear
 of some
 poor working gM₃ and is punished by
 the law
 when found out. And again he says : "
 Among
 the uncultivated violent love for one
 chosen
 being is exceedingly rare. Among the
 upper
 classes the sexual impulse becomes
 exclusive
 and discriminating ; If it were not
 so the
 off-spring would not be full of
 vitality and
 energy. Hence marriage should be
 the result
 of love—otherwise the off-spring of
 an ill-
 assorted couple will be bad or
 mediocre.
 Goethe expresses love as elective
 affinity, a
 word borrowed from chemistry and
 showing
 the connection between the
 elementary pro-
 cesses of nature and of love in
 man. Why
 does oxygen unite with
 potassium ? Why
 will not nitrogen unite with platinum
 ? Who
 can tell us ? And why does a woman
 want this
 man and spurn all others ?
 Marriage is a
 vessel in which two separate
 bodies are

enclosed together. If there is an
affinity the
vessel Is full of life ; if none the vessel
contains
death." To how many women
whose
mothers failed in their duty in the
supreme